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# UFO STUDY GROUP OF GTR ST. LOUIS MEETING 2 PM Sunday, February 13, 2000

#### LOCATION

The meeting will be at the Schnucks Store just east of Elm Ave., on Big Bend Blvd. in Webster Groves in their Restaurant banquet room. It is on the far east or left side of the store as you enter from Big Bend. The room is free if our members have lunch there, so plan to come early and enjoy a nice meal before the meeting.

The meeting will begin with the introduction of officers and directors and a welcome to all visitors. We will then have an open discussion of information about old and new UFO cases or UFO related happenings from all sources. Everyone is invited to speak or ask questions.

This copy of the Enigma is being assembled and mailed before the February program has been finalized. Arnold Pryor, our program director, has two possible speakers to contact and try to schedule one for our meeting date. At this time however, he has been in the hospital and has been unable to complete his telephoning. However he promises that he will get that done and hopes to have a speaker for the February meeting. Come and join our group for the February meeting.

In January we had a big crowd to hear Forest Crawford speak. He gave a new speech he had just put together and we were privileged to be the first ones to hear it. Thanks very much for coming, Forest, you were great.

# **FILER'S FILES**



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## THE GREAT AWAKENING FOR A REMARKABLE NEW CENTURY

It is obvious that there is new interest and excitement over the realization that UFOs are real, and we might not be alone in the universe. To sum up my knowledge as an Ufologist, I have learned that most media personnel, scientists, military, congressional and government employees know very little about UFOs. Most have never studied the subject or been privy to highly classified and compartmentalized data. You the average reader know a great deal more than 99% of these people. Most of you have visited web sites with released government documents that indicate about 30% of the sightings are unknowns and insufficient information. We are in a sense the teachers and experts. You are very important to the future of our world because of this knowledge. Recently there have been more than 400 sightings reported each month by concerned witnesses. The majority of these reports involve multiple witnesses who spend several hours reporting their sighting. The craft are frequently seen at low

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altitudes well below normal air traffic. Most of the observations were for several minutes' duration. This is very different from a conventional aircraft conducting normal business; they seldom stay in view for more than a minute. Often the reports involve an object hovering just above the trees. We are also obtaining more frequent UFO reports from pilots and radar operators. Many of my Air Force friends and I have chased them. I've met with several of our astronauts who have seen them. We are obtaining video footage from our Space Shuttle missions that show them. Our satellites and Deep Space Sensors are also observing them. When we send our probes to Mars less than a third make it through. Our government unlike many others has repeatedly refused to openly discuss the subject. Fortunately, government personnel in France and Chile have a more open attitude.

We are nearing the time for elections for many politicians. I encourage you to support those candidates that will not be stonewalled by pat answers to the UFO problem. Jimmy Carter had his own sighting and ran partially on a platform to provide answers about UFOs. After being elected, he ignored the subject and still does today. John Moss a California politician is the author of the Freedom of Information Act. He was surprised to learn that its primary use is for obtaining information on UFOs. They remain of great interest to the American people. I have been writing Filer's Files for three years and sending it out to several hundred people a week. A few months ago Chuck Warren volunteered to build a Web Site for me. I want to thank Chuck for his hard work. During December, a half million people visited our Web Site. This is proof of the amazing interest in UFOs. I want to thank my wife Janet for making these Files possible, she goes to work selling real estate, while I stay home and put them together.

Its time to say farewell to the 1900s, where I learned a couple important lessons in my life that you might enjoy.

(1) Love one another, especially your spouse!

- (2) UFOs are real and we owe allot to great persons like Major Donald Keyhoe, Leonard Stringfield, J. Allen Hynek, Karla Turner, and James McDonald who have passed on in the search for the truth.
- (3) Ancient religious writings have great wisdom. I encourage everyone to receive the comfort of religious faith in his or her life.
- (4) I learned that when you see certain code words such as fire in the sky and clouds in ancient religious writings, they mean UFOs. The Bible, Book of Dyzon, Koran, Maha-Brharata, and Torah are some of the best UFO books ever written.

(5) Wars are bad, its time to stop them.

- (6) It is important to search for the truth since it is the foundation of all knowledge. Schools that don't teach about the various religions fail to produce well-rounded students.
- (7) Our search for the truth over the Internet builds friendships that can change the world. I look forward to a happy, progressive, prosperous, and wonderful future together. Happy New Year.

# Police officers in St. Clair County report seeing early-morning UFO

But no one at nearby Scott AFB noticed a large shape covered with lights

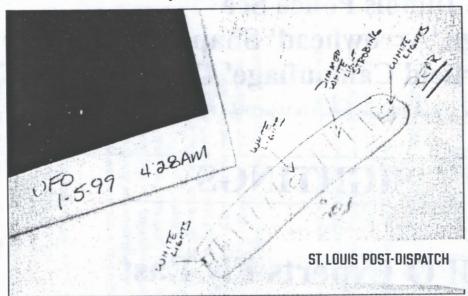
> By VALERIE SCHREMP Of the Post-Dispatch

In the past few days, Millstadt police Officer Craig Stevens has slept little, taken countless phone messages from national experts and heard all of the little green men jokes his fellow officers can muster.

It's amusing — to a point, he said.

"It's not like I'm the only one who saw it and I'm Joe Blow from the local bar who just stepped out drunk, you know?"

Stevens, of Highland, and at least three other officers from the Lebanon, Shiloh and Dupo police departments said they saw something in the sky early Wednesday



Millstadt police
Officer Craig
Stevens made
this sketch of
an object he
reported seeing
in the earlymorning sky
Wednesday.
Next to the
sketch is a
Polaroid photograph that
Stevens took
of the object.

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— something that looked like a UFO.

Shaped like an arrowhead, sprinkled with dimmer lights all over its surface and three brighter lights on its tail, the thing made its northeast-to-southwest flight across the Metro East area about 4 a.m.

The first report came in to Highland police from the owner of a miniature golf course. He was driving into Lebanon, so the police contacted Lebanon authorities. The officer there guffawed at the dispatcher. But he spotted the thing heading toward Shiloh, and he sped through traffic lights to try to catch up with it. It reached Shiloh, where an officer there spotted it.

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### **UFO**

# Police officer describes object in sky with lights

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Stevens, sitting in his patrol car in Millstadt on his overnight shift, heard the radio chatter and drove to the north end of town. He scanned the sky but saw only airplane lights.

Then he looked west.

"Wow," he thought, jumping out of the car. "This thing's huge!"

He said it moved slowly, like a blimp, about 1,000 feet off the ground. It was about two stories high and about three times as long. In addition to the three lights in the back, dimmer lights sprinkled the entire surface, almost, as he described it, like a "starfield camouflage."

He grabbed his Polaroid camera and snapped a shot. The object headed toward Dupo, and Stevens radioed dispatch. The dispatcher radioed back, reporting an officer there spotted it too.

The Polaroid didn't develop well in the cold, and the image only shows

the three bright lights. At the station, Stevens made an unofficial police report and sketched a likeness of what he saw.

"It's been driving me nuts since I've seen it," he said. "I haven't been able to sleep for the last day and a half."

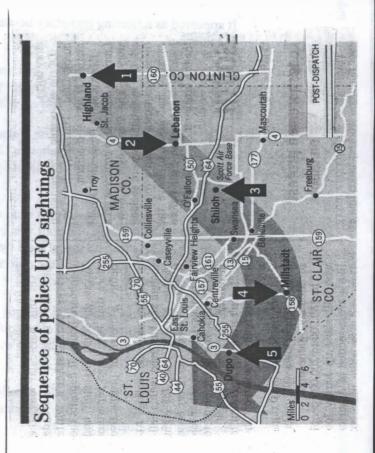
He's searched the Internet for a likeness of the object but can only find a picture of a "Stealth Blimp" on the Popular Mechanics Web site. It looked like an experimental military ship, he said.

The only calls that Scott Air Force Base received about the object were from the media, a spokeswoman said Saturday. And the military base's control tower was closed at that hour.

Stevens has also fielded calls from the media, science institutes, UFO experts, and a former FBI man who had "a hundred questions." One expert was adamant that people spotted a similar ship in California the day after Christmas. He and the Lebanon officer went on Art Bell's nationally broadcast radio show.

Stevens said he is taking the attention, and his sighting, in stride.

"It didn't scare me; it was cool. I'll never forget it," he said.



# Illinois Police See Huge 'Arrowhead' Shaped 'Starfield Camouflage' UFO

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# UFO Experts Fly East To Work With Eyewitnesses To Major Illinois Sighting

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By Heather Ratcliffe
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

It appeared as a floating two-story house with a glowing red interior.

A week later, it has attracted national media and a team of investigators led by a former FBI agent who wants to know if the object was an alien spacecraft.

John Velier and his team from Las Vegas flew to St. Louis on Friday to learn more about a UFO spotted a week ago first by a Highland miniature-golf course owner and then by four police officers.

When it flew over Melvern Noll's head as he stood on his golf course about 4 a.m., the craft was traveling silently at a snail's pace. He said he saw at least two rows of windows and red lights inside the object and along its metallic dark belly.

"I kept my eyeballs on it," said Noll, 66. "It was all lighted up and so low that someone could have waved at me out the window." He estimated it was about 1,000 feet above the ground.

Noll said he drove to the Highland Police station and asked the dispatcher to call the Lebanon police because the object was floating that way.

Velier's team came from the National Institute for Discovery Science, a Las Vegas research insatiate, to collect evidence of the sighting.

The institute, founded in 1995, has about a dozen former law enforcement officers and scientists investigating sightings professionally.

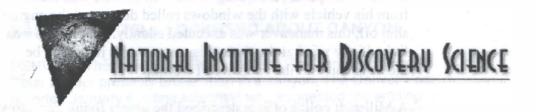
"We are using the scientific method," said Colm Kelleher, an administrator for the institute. "We are looking for facts, not trying to promote any agenda."

overwhelming credibility of the witnesses - nearly all police officers, Kelleher said.

"Police officers are a higher quality observers than other

witnesses, because they have good memories," he said.

The institute sent a team to the Metro East because of the



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#### **Abstract**

The National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) 24-hour hot line (702-798-1700) received a report at 3.46 AM Pacific time on 1/5/2000 from a police officer at Milstadt, Illinois. The officer reported an unidentified flying object seen by a business owner and several police officers at Lebanon, Millstadt, Shiloh and Dupo, Illinois. The report to NIDS came approximately two hours after the sighting.

After multiple telephone calls to the locale, NIDS dispatched two investigators to the location to conduct face-to-face interviews with eyewitnesses. The following can be summarized from the interview transcripts:

- The civilian, who had driven to his miniature golf course in Highland at 4:01 AM, reported an object like "a floating house" with very bright internal lights flying at a low altitude from northeast and moving southwest. The object was two to three stories high and was the length of a football field. The eyewitness immediately drove to the Highland PD and reported the sighting. The police dispatcher from Highland contacted The Central Communications dispatcher from St. Clair County, who in turn requested the Lebanon Police Department to look out for the object.
- At approximately 4:10 AM the police officer from Lebanon, responding to the dispatch from Highland, reported a low flying "massive elongated triangle" emitting intense white light. The object came to within 1000 feet of the witness and then appeared to rotate slowly and fly extremely quickly and suddenly across the sky toward Shiloh, Illinois. The maneuver was executed with no noise. The officer had turned off his vehicle engine, his light bar and his main police radio so that he could listen for noise.
- A police officer from Shiloh reported a large black arrowhead shaped craft that was moving slowly. The object then gathered

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high rate of speed. According to the officer, who was watching from his vehicle with the windows rolled down and the engine shut off, this maneuver was executed silently. Since there was little, if any wind at the time, this maneuver is judged to be inconsistent with the behavior of a blimp.

- A Millstadt police officer described the object flying very slowly between 500 and 1000 feet altitude. It was very large. It was shaped like a fat arrowhead. The rear of the object was concave and looked to contain dim, white, flashing strobes.
- According to the testimony from the police officers, the flight path of the object was in a southwesterly direction from Highland, over Lebanon, Shiloh, Millstadt and then turning northwest to Dupo. The flight path would have taken the object almost directly over Scott Air-Force base. According to all inquiries by NIDS, including interviews with two separate AFOSI officers on the base, nothing was in the air from Scott Air Force base that night between 4:00 and 5:00 AM. All individuals disavowed knowledge of any flying objects in the region around Scott AFB.
- Two separate inquiries from NIDS to the Boeing St. Louis facility showed that Boeing does not conduct testing of military aircraft at their facility. According to Boeing, the facility conducts acceptance testing of newly manufactured (from the assembly line) aircraft during the day at the local commercial airport. A Boeing spokesperson confirmed that there were no Boeing St. Louis derived aircraft flying around St. Louis and surrounding areas during the early morning (midnight to sunrise) dark hours of Jan 5, 2000.
- This report will contain short summaries of each eyewitness testimony followed by transcripts. The appendix will contain original drawings by three police officers as well as copies of the original reports and transcripts from the dispatch communications.

Because of the intense media publicity surrounding the case both locally and nationally, NIDS has received additional potential eyewitness leads to investigate. The investigation of the case is ongoing and will be updated on the NIDS web site <a href="http://www.accessnv.com/nids">http://www.accessnv.com/nids</a> in the next few days when more data is available.

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#### NASA DIDN'T TELL LOCKHEED ABOUT CANYON

**DENVER** - The Associated Press reports. The vanished Mars Polar Lander probably broke apart in a canyon, The Denver Post reported January 6, citing scientists who suggested the landing site was the reason for NASA's latest failure. The \$165 million lander was supposed to touch down Dec. 3 for a 90-day mission to analyze the planet's atmosphere and search for frozen water beneath its south pole. It has not been heard from since it started its descent after an 11-month cruise, and NASA has not offered a reason for the disappearance. Members of the Lockheed Martin team who maneuvered the craft to Mars believe a canyon nearly a mile deep and 6 miles wide in some places was the landing site. the Post reported, citing an unidentified source at the aeronautics company who was on the mission team. Orbiter Burned Up The source relied on "probable" landing coordinates posted online by NASA and its Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Lab officials acknowledged that they knew the canyon was in the area. "We believe we landed in a region that was in the vicinity (of the canyon), but we have no way of knowing whether it hit those slopes," said Daniel McCleese, the Mars Surveyor Program scientist at JPL. The loss of the lander came less than three months after bungled communications between Lockheed and JPL caused the Mars Climate Orbiter to burn up in the Martian atmosphere. Lockheed scientists were reportedly surprised to learn that the canyon was inside the lander's projected landing zone. During the mission, Lockheed scientists steered the craft under JPL direction. "No one on our side knew that canyon was there," the Lockheed source told the Post. "All of the sudden, two weeks later, we got this MOLA data" - topographical maps and images - "and it was like, 'Look at that hole!" Thanks to Jan 6, Denver Post.

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Millions of dollars have been lost because of NASA's apparent unwillingness to share data with Lockheed. The Lockheed scientists would also be surprised to learn that this area on Mars has features that appear to be artificially formed assuming they are not a combination of pixilization and transmission errors. They have been given descriptive names by NASA such as Nod and Inca City. The Inca City area located at 81.8°S - 59.1°W, has many rectangular walled areas each about 4 miles across similar to the ancient cities in Peru. Interestingly, the Inca's believe they were visited by spacemen and celebrate with spinning wheels that look like UFOs. The site at Nod appears to be an ancient cultural site with structures. Nod appears to have been used for growing plants and producing oxygen since the site is on the edge of snow and ice fields composed of carbon dioxide at 83°S 43°W. NASA's name for Nod is the location Cain was sent to wander by God in Genesis 4. My speculation is that NASA has found evidence of ancient intelligent life on Mars, but can not make an announcement until its probes are successful.

Researcher Carl Feindt has a new web site based on UFO's seen near water at http://www.waterufo.net. The site was built by Chuck Warren and is well worth viewing.

## **SIGHTINGS**

# Oklahoma's Amazing UFO Sightings

THE HICKMAN REPORT by Jim Hickman 12-28-99

Everyone has heard of famous Area 51, right? And most of us have heard about strange aerial vehicles that lurk there. Now, I propose a new area, "Oklahoma's Area 51". It actually covers a vast area of western Oklahoma. The center of UFO activity is near the old Clinton-Sherman Air Force Base located in Burns Flat, Oklahoma. This area has been host to some of the strangest cases in UFO history, mostly unreported till recently, and NASA says it's a major player in future Space business.

This is from the Ardmoreite Newspaper July 20, 1998.

"BURNS FLAT (AP) -- Oklahomans pressing for a link to outer space expect to have an idea by this fall whether the old Clinton-Sherman Air Force Base is a serious contender as a launch site for the next generation of space shuttles. Lockheed Martin is looking for a permanent launch site for VentureStar, a reusable launch vehicle expected to take off in 2004. Oklahoma is one of 16 states in the running for the launch site. A delegation from the state recently visited Lockheed Martin officials in California. State Sen. Gilmer Capps, D-Snyder, said a proposal will be submitted for VentureStar.

"We meet the criteria every which way you turn," Capps said. The runway at the base closed in 1970 is 13,550 feet long and 18 inches thick, described as ideal for

VentureStar. The rural location and the state's relatively moderate weather are also positives Construction on the launch site is expected to begin as soon as January 2001."

As many of you know, I'm "into" UFO history. I always try to use historical facts and documented cases to make my points whenever possible. This is I feel a great way to relearn old cases that have relevance today. I have included in this article as many of the UFO reports as I could find on this new "Area 51". I live in Oklahoma and I know it can get quite strange here at times. I have had more personal sightings here than I could relate in one report.

From the book UFO's in the USA

"Oklahoma is known for many things-cowboys, horses, winds that come sweeping down the plains- and now quite possibly, if you drive along I-40 near Elk City to mile marker 126 west of El Reno, UFO's" according to the book "UFO's in the USA", by The Society for the Preservation of Alien Contact Evidence and Geographic Exploration (SPACEAGE) (Hyperion Press 1999).

On page 135 it states that "According to Cliff Capers, state director and newsletter editor for Skywatch International, this area around the Clinton-Sherman AFB may be Oklahoma's own Area 51 and there is a "flap area west of Clinton, Ok. On Interstate 40 this stretch is stated to be about 19 miles long. Both green fireballs and quick-moving bright lights have been seen in the area. According to Cliff Capers, Elk City is still a very active spot for UFO sightings.

Cliff had his own sighting a few years ago, this report is from Skywatch InternationalÖ

"I spotted what appeared to be a black triangle while I was in the Oklahoma panhandle (Elmwood, Oklahoma) helping my father-in-law bring in his wheat harvest. On Sunday June 21, 1998 at approximately 11:30 p.m., I, along with my father-in-law and brother-in-law, had just finished working for the day. We were headed for the house and my father-in-law went ahead of us and entered the house. Since there were no clouds in the sky (keep in

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mind that this is way out in the country with no light pollution and viewing is excellent), I decided to stay out a few minutes and do a little star gazing.

Since my brother-in-law had never seen a satellite pass overhead he decided to stay out with me and star gaze as well. We began talking about satellites and just then he spotted a moving star and I congratulated him for finding his first satellite in the night sky. He was very impressed one could actually see a satellite pass overhead. About 11:45 p.m. he asked me to turn and take a look at something he had spotted in the southern sky. I immediately turned and saw what looked like a small black rectangle above the horizon. I would estimate that it's size at that time was 2 degrees wide. The object was quickly heading toward us moving directly from south to north. It looked so odd and was moving so fast that my brother-in-law went in and brought Dad out so he could see it too. At first we thought it might be a cloud but there were no clouds in the sky that night.

The stars would immediately wink out as this object covered them. I've seen many clouds occult a star and the star will generally gradually disappear, and may even be visible through the cloud, and then gradually reappear on the other side. This object was not a cloud, it was solid and very black. So black that it stood out very well among the stars and the black of the night sky. The black "rectangle" continued it's course straight at us at a pace that seemed to be about 90 mph until it was within 2 miles when it appeared to slow to 40 - 50 mph. As it came closer it grew larger and wider. Once it was a couple of miles away from us I noticed that the object was not rectangular but was, in fact, triangular with one tip facing us. Also at this point we noticed the wind pick up at about 30 mph and it appeared to be coming from the south, the direction from which the triangle was approaching.

As the triangle approached one mile from our location I estimated it's dimensions as best I could with it being night. In this area of OK the roads are laid out in one mile sections both north to south and east to west. Using these roads as a guide I was able to estimate that at one mile distant, the triangle was one and a half miles wide from

tip to tip, its altitude was around 1,000 to 1,500 feet, the height 200-300 feet and 400-500 feet in length. There were no lights of any kind on the object and no surface detail was visible. Throughout the sighting the object made no sound. The only sound in the area was that of the trees moving from the wind that seemed to come from the object. Once the object reached one mile from our location it immediately started moving west of us without slowing or turning. It never did pass directly overhead. This right angle change in direction was amazing as it was instantaneous. The triangle continued west one to two miles and then returned to a north north-west course. We noticed that the wind direction changed as the triangle moved west and then back to the north, so I assume the wind originated from it. After the triangle moved several miles past our location the wind stopped.

Once the triangle was many miles away from us my father-in-law and brother-in-law decided to head into the house. I continued watching the triangle until I couldn't see it anymore. This didn't take long as it was moving away at about 50 mph. I kept seeing what appeared to be faint meteors flashing above the triangle. The strange thing was that they would make a faint "J" shape above the left and right edges of the triangle and then fade. I only saw this about 3 times and they were so faint that it was be easy to miss them. That about covers my report of this sighting."

Oklahoma's Area 51, what a placeÖ As you can see we have had quite a few sightings that occur in this area. I want to share with you some of the sightings that are less famous but just as interesting, from my research. Below is my own triangular UFO sighting report.

## TRIANGULAR UFO SPOTTED IN WESTERN OKLAHOMA

On Saturday, October 4, 1997, at 7:15 p.m., Jim Hickman "observed an unusual object in the sky over Elk City, Oklahoma (population 9,579)." Elk City is located on Highway 40 approximately 109 miles (174 kilometers) west of Oklahoma City.

## **SIGHTINGS**

# Canada Researcher Chronicles A Century Of UFO Reports

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WINNIPEG (CP) -- Explorer David Thompson got the ball rolling with Canada's first recorded UFO sighting in 1792, a tale lifted from his Hudson Bay journals that would do very nicely as an episode of The X-Files.

"He and a companion were camped out in the middle of the winter in a very isolated area near a lake and they saw what he described as a large gelatinous blob ... flying through the air," says Chris Rutkowski, a Winnipeg UFO researcher and author. "It appeared to fall to the earth on the frozen lake not far from them." The sighting took place near what is now Thicket Portage, just south of Thompson, Man., which isn't named after the famous fur trader and map maker. (It's named after former Inco president John Thompson, who paid the guys who built the town.)

At any rate, David Thompson and his companion failed to find any sign of the blob on the ground, but they did see a similar object in the sky a few days later.

Ever since, Canadians have continued to see strange objects or lights in the sky and report other contact with what many insist are visiting aliens.

Rutkowski has been chronicling and investigating these

stories for almost 25 years and he has culled what he considers to be 11 of the strangest tales of the last 100 years from his files. "Whether or not they are real is irrelevant," says the founder of Ufology Research of Manitoba, whose latest book on the subject, Abductions and Aliens, has just been published by Dundurn in Toronto. "They have each fired the Canadian imagination and fascination with the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe."

Rutkowski's weird and wonderful list starts with a 1915 phantom invasion of aerial objects over wartime Ottawa that was never explained.

It was scary enough for officials to turn out the lights on Parliament Hill to avoid presenting a tempting target to the "enemy." "It caused such a concern that they actually did put Ottawa on alert."

The list concludes in Duncan, B.C., in 1980 with the strange tale of Granger Taylor. The teenager was obsessed with aliens and UFOs, building a full-size mockup of a flying saucer in his backyard. One day he announced to his friends he was going to be taken away by aliens. He was never seen again.

But those aren't the strangest stories as far as Rutkowski is concerned.

"Out of all of them it would be a toss-up between Shirley's Bay and Shag Harbour."

Shirley's Bay, Ont., is where Wilbert Smith, a Canadian Defence Department engineer, set up equipment in 1954 he said detected a large magnetic disturbance which he believed to be from an alien spacecraft.

More important perhaps for UFO researchers, it was from Smith's meetings with American investigators at the time that they learned of incidents like the alleged crash of a flying saucer near Roswell, N.M.

Shag Harbour, N.S., is where something crashed into the ocean in October 1967 that had people in the area gossiping for years.

American navy vessels appeared, divers recovered something and mysterious green foam was seen on the water, but there was never a satisfactory explanation. "I would classify those as the most unusual among all the 11," says Rutkowski.

If those are the strangest, he says the most significant is the case of Steve Mihalak, burned by an object he said landed near Falcon Lake, Man., in May 1967, the same year as the strange goings-on near Shag Harbour. "It was investigated by American and Canadian military and government officials and it stood the test of time," says Rutkowski.

Mihalak died last October. "Right to the very end he insisted that what he had seen and what occurred to him happened just as he said."

Rutkowski says there has been a slight decline in the number of UFO sightings in Canada, to about 200 a year. He had been expecting a little "millennium fever" that might push up the number of sightings as 1999 draws to a close.

But while the numbers may be down, interest is definitely up, he says.

"People are very much into this sort of thing."

#### SIGHTINGS HOMEPAGE

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# Strange Case Of Missing Time & Melted Ice Cream In NJ

From George A. Filer < Majorstar@aol.com>
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MUFON Skywatch Investigations
Filer's Files #1--2000

#### **NEW JERSEY MISSING TIME**

GLASSBORO -- My husband and I had a strange experience just before Christmas. On Saturday we received a call from our son who called at 5:10 PM and talked for a few minutes. We left the house to go grocery shopping at 5:20 PM. It takes about 9 minutes to get to the Shoprite grocery store. We entered the store at about 5:30 PM and did our usual shopping. At one point I heard two men behind the meat counter talking about UFO's. Just before we checked out I bought ice cream. We pulled the carts to the check out counter, and I started putting the groceries on the conveyor belt. When I put the ice cream on the belt it spilled over. Strangely, the ice cream had melted. We were surprised that it had happened, because we had picked it up last. The cashier told me to get another one, so I did. We took the groceries to the truck and loaded the groceries in it. A friend pulled up in his car and we talked for about 15 minutes and then we left. It was only about 25 degrees and we were freezing so we didn't talk long. We went straight home and when I got into the house I looked at the time, and I just couldn't believe it, it was 11:00 PM. How could 5 hours have passed in an hour? It was impossible, no way were we in that store for 5 hours. We checked all our watches, times, answering machine, and Shoprite surveillance cameras. There is no explanation for the missing time. Editors Note: I have been getting many similar reports of missing time. The people involved have no memories that can account the missing time, but are positive it is gone. Thanks to Evelyn G.

LOCAL MEETINGS

UFO STUDY GROUP OF GREATER ST. LOUIS Meets regularly the second Sunday of the month at 2 P.M. at Schnucks Station Rest., 8650 Big Bend, Webster Groves, MO 63119. For more information call Spence Wolling, 966-4955, or Walter Palmer at 771-0173.

MUFON MISSOURI-ST. CHARLES, MO.
Normal reg. mtg. monthly the third Tuesday
of each month at 6:30 PM at the Holiday
Inn Select at 4221 South Outer Rd., St.
Peters, MO., 1/2 mile W. of Cave Springs
Exit 2. For more information, call
Bruce Widaman at 946-1394.

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Regular meetings at 2 P.M. the third Sunday of the month, now held at the Ponderosa Steak House in Collinsville. From St. Louis take 55-70 east to Illinois 157. Turn left or north on 157 and go a short distance to an overhead sign that says Police left. Turn left there. Info call Forest Crawford at (618)-345-0554.

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